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ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEEMinutes of 17th Meeting

11:00 a.m., 11 October 1956

PRESENT

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CIA, Chairman
Lt. Colonel Richards, OSD
Mr. Brunner, AFOIN
Mr. Hamilton, AFOIN
Mr. Wood, G-2
Mr. McMahon, ONI
Mr. Shavell, Commerce
Mr. Tucker, ICA
Miss Baldwin, ICA
Miss Worthing, State/OIR
Miss Rado, State/OIR
Mr. Pomeroy, State/MC

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1. Minutes, 12 June 1956 (EDIC/M-16)Discussion:

With regard to paragraph 6, the Commerce member requested that EDIC reconsider its action of discontinuing the Subcommittee on Trade in Decontrolled Commodities.

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The State/OIR member commented that her department would not object to having the Subcommittee reactivated.

Action:

It was agreed that the Subcommittee should be re-established, and that the minutes of the last meeting would remain unchanged.

2. Soviet Bloc Sales of Gold in Free World Markets (EDIC/ID-25)

Discussion:

The Chairman suggested that EDIC Case 11 be closed, since available information on this subject does not seem to warrant the publication of regular reports. He stated that any important developments would be published in special reports.

Action:

EDIC/ID-25 was approved. It was agreed that EDIC Case 11 would be closed.

3. Free World Deliveries of New and Used Ships to the Sino-Soviet Bloc in 1955 and Projected Deliveries for 1956, 1957 and 1958 (EDIC Case 19)

Discussion:

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25X1X7 CIA, stated that 1958 estimates are not yet available. He commented that an intelligence conference on ship-building [redacted] starting 17 October, and expressed the hope that additional information would be forthcoming to aid in the preparation of the 1958 estimate section of this project.

4. Intelligence Support for CFEP Policy Review

Action:

It was agreed to consider this subject again following a policy statement by the CFEP.

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5. Report on Propellants Seminar (EDIC/AM-22)

Discussion:

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[redacted] CIA, reviewed the recent activities of the EDIC Working Group on Propellants and Fuel Additives. She stated that as soon as an official summary of the Propellants Seminar held on 13-14 June 1956 can be prepared it will be distributed to EDIC members. At that time the Working Group will reconvene to continue its consideration of the strategic significance of various propellants in the Bloc economy.

6. War Planning (IAC D-96/2, 3 April 1956)

Discussion:

The Chairman announced that each subcommittee of the IAC has been instructed to prepare a wartime plan of operation or advise the IAC of its opinion that it has no wartime function. He proposed that an EDIC meeting on this subject be held on Thursday, 18 October.

The State/OIR member commented that inter-agency differences of opinion which had become apparent in the recent Alert Exercise should be resolved before a war plan was formulated.

Action:

It was agreed that a special EDIC meeting on this subject would be held on 18 October.

7. Fourth Annual Progress Report of EDIC (EDIC/R-3, draft)

Action:

EDIC/R-3 (draft) was approved, subject to agreed changes.

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8. Dissemination of Messages

25X1A6b At the request of the Commerce member, the Chairman noted that [redacted] of 4 June 1956 had been considerably delayed. He reiterated the importance of the EXCON designator, and suggested that EDIC members urge prompt dispatch of operational information by their respective agencies.

9. Polyethylene

Discussion:

The Chairman stated that certain questions regarding polyethylene, raised by CIA, had been referred to the Chairmen of EDAC Working Groups I and II and the EDIC Working Group on Propellants.

Action:

It was agreed that an EDIC case should be opened on this subject.

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Chairman

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